

President [Harry S. Truman](#) justified the use of atomic weapons as a military necessity intended to save lives and force an immediate Japanese surrender. He maintained this stance throughout his life, never apologizing for the decision and asserting that it was the "least abhorrent" of the choices available to him at the time.

Truman's primary justifications included:

- **Saving American and Japanese Lives:** Truman and his advisors estimated that a full-scale ground invasion of the Japanese home islands would result in massive casualties—potentially half a million Allied soldiers and millions of Japanese civilians. He famously noted that "a quarter of a million of the flower of our young manhood was worth a couple of Japanese cities".
- **Ending the War Quickly:** The goal was to force a rapid surrender to avoid a prolonged conflict that could have dragged into 1946 or later.
- **Retaliation for Pearl Harbor:** In public statements, Truman framed the bombings as a response to the "unwarranted attack" on [Pearl Harbor](#) and the mistreatment of American prisoners of war.
- **Targeting Military Centers:** Truman officially described Hiroshima as a "military base" to justify the strike to the public, though it was a major population centre. He argued that the targets were chosen specifically for their role in the Japanese war machine.
- **A "Language" of Force:** Truman privately expressed that the Japanese leadership only understood the "language" of overwhelming force, comparing the necessity of the act to treating a "beast" like a beast due to their refusal to surrender after years of conventional firebombing.

While historical debate continues over other potential motives—such as intimidating the Soviet Union or justifying the Manhattan Project's \$2 billion cost—Truman's consistent public and private defense remained grounded in the preservation of lives through a swift conclusion to the war.

Donald Trump has occasionally referenced Harry Truman in a positive light, particularly drawing parallels between their leadership styles, blunt communication, and the political challenges they faced

Key points regarding Trump's view of Truman include:

- **Comparisons to Himself:** Trump has compared himself to Truman, specifically highlighting Truman's decision to drop atomic bombs to end WWII when defending his own foreign policy actions, such as when he compared his actions against Iran to Truman's actions in 2025.
- **Political Parallels:** Supporters and some commentators have described Trump as a modern-day Harry Truman, citing similar "blunt talk" and a tendency to bypass traditional political norms.
- **Quoting Truman:** In his first UN General Assembly speech, Trump quoted Truman to emphasize a "sovereignty-first" approach, aligning with his own "America First" policy, despite the historical irony that Truman was a strong supporter of international institutions like the UN.
- **Use of the Truman Balcony:** Trump has used the Truman Balcony at the White House for events, a spot famous from the Truman era.

**Trump has a completely malignant ego and an overwhelming need to show how strong, decisive and powerful he is.** Plus he is heavily influence by murderous Zionist Jews, who have completely corrupted the US government. Unfortunately he only needs one set of nuclear strikes, and that is on Israel.